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## GLOBE BOOTLEG EXPLODES AND EATS VARNISH

**A GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATOR  
CONFISCATES BOTTLE HOME-  
MADE BOOZE; BLOWS BOTTLE  
TO PIECES AND PRYS VARNISH  
FROM DESK TOPS; IS LA-  
BELED NINETY HORSEPOWER**

Let those who in their mad desire for liquor, run amuck in bootleg alley, take warning from the experience of Special Investigator Sisk of the department of justice, and give wide berth to the silver-tongued middleman with a stock of "unbonded," says the Globe Record.

Officer Sisk heard weird tales of "strong drink," but yesterday was the first time in his official career, he found anything strong enough to "blow-up"—yes, and with enough kick to pry all the varnish from the top of his office desk.

Several days ago Officer Bernum arrested one Theodore Palma, on a charge of selling whisky to Indians. Palma had in his possession one bottle of home-made brew, according to the officer who made the arrest. The bottle and contents were given to Officer Sisk and the latter placed the 90-horsepower intoxicant on his desk in the Federal building, preparatory for shipment to the government laboratory for analysis.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Sisk was busy at his desk, forgetting all about the little bottle, when he was suddenly jarred by a terrific explosion. Glass flew in every direction and the sparkling contents of the bottle flowed gently over the officer's desk. Officer Sisk swept the glass from the desk and went in search of something with which to wipe the liquid from the writing paper. Imagine the surprised look on Mr. Sisk's face when he returned to the room and found the liquid had destroyed the varnish on the desk, half a dozen places.

The only explanation offered by the officer is that gas formed in the bottle and after it had been corked for several hours increased to such an extent as to cause the explosion; but the officer is unable to explain the manner of beverages that eats varnish.

Pity the poor Indian Buck who quenched his thirst with the latest concoction of a "bone dry" state. Some drink and some kick; but the officers will keep a safe distance from confiscated booze in the future.

### ARIZONA OPPOSES STOPPING WORK AT FORT WHIPPLE

**PHOENIX, Jan. 25.**—The Arizona legislature was today advised by a telegram from the Yavapai Chamber of Commerce that work on the 22 buildings at Fort Whipple had been suspended on orders from Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the army. These include the general mess, isolation ward, surgical ward, operating pavilion hospital, corps mess, 11 two-story wards, officers' mess, chapel, laundry, one medical storehouse and two boiler houses. The telegram stated that if this order is made permanent it will deprive Fort Whipple of the necessary heating, nursing and surgical facilities.

The senate this morning adopted a memorial urging that this action be rescinded.

**\$1,700,000 Appropriation**  
The government has appropriated \$1,700,000 for buildings at Fort Whipple with the intent of making this the principal barracks for the treatment of tuberculosis in the army in the United States.

### JEANNETTE STARK PASSES AWAY

Just before going to press, word was received of the death of Jeannette Stark, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Stark, at the family home following a three-days' serious illness. The patient had been ill for several years, troubled with her heart and was brought to Tombstone in the hopes of benefiting her health. The change wrought considerable benefit for the past two years, but of late she took a turn for the worse, and her death resulted shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon. The family is heartbroken over the loss, and the many Tombstone friends here will regret to hear of her untimely passing. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

## BROTHER OF TOMBSTONE MAN KILLED AT SOISSONS

Deputy County Recorder Lee Hutchison yesterday received a copy of a letter, written by the Red Cross to his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. J. Hutchison of El Paso, telling how her husband was killed on the firing line in France. Lieutenant Hutchison was killed instantly when a shell fragment struck him in the heart and was buried by his comrades, his grave being properly marked. The letter follows:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31, 1918.  
My Dear Mrs. Hutchison:

We have received a report from our Paris bureau with some information concerning Lieut. Robert J. Hutchison, Company M, 18th Infantry. We are told that he was hit just above the heart by a bursting shell, about July 20. He was killed instantly and was buried the next day. His identification tag was tied to a stick over his grave.

It should comfort you to know that if your husband had to give his life in this great cause, he met his death in that great battle at Soissons, which was the turning point of the war, and did so much to bring about the glorious end.

It is possible that we may get further reports concerning your husband's death and any word that reaches this office will be sent to you at once.

May we extend to you the deepest sympathy of the Red Cross, and the assurance that America will always honor the names of those brave men who have made the supreme sacrifice for humanity and the world's freedom. Sincerely yours,

W. R. CASTLE, JR.

### ARIZONA MINERS ELECT DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

**GLOBE, Jan. 25.**—L. T. Scott, an engineer employed at the Miami mine, was elected at a joint meeting of the district grievance committee held here this evening to represent the employees of the Globe-Miami district at a conference called by the department of labor in Washington, D. C., on January 31, to adjust the wage scale in the copper districts of Arizona.

Three delegates from the mining centers of Arizona, the Jerome district, the Clarkdale district and the Verde district, will attend the conference which has been called by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

The wage scale will probably remain at its present standard until such time as the department of labor makes a thorough investigation of labor conditions in the southwest.

## Popular Styles in Men's Furs



## DUGAT TELLS OF HAND TO HAND FIGHTING IN FRANCE

Cashier H. C. Almy of the First National Bank has received the following letter from J. C. Dugat, formerly of Tombstone, where he was employed in the truck corps of the Bunker Hill Mines company:

On Active Service With the American Expeditionary Force.  
November 27, 1918.

Dear Friend:  
Yours received and surely enjoyed it and glad to know old Tombstone held her own in the Fort Liberty Loan drive. It certainly put the "pep" in the boys over here. I guess you are rejoicing over peace; we surely are and France is overjoyed. We are still going on with our work, but peaceably. Since the Hindenburg lines were broken it has been open fighting, and, of course, no work of our class, so we are the First U. S. Army Bridge builders. We have done some good work, and I heard tonight that we have been cited four times. We were in the Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Woods drive as infantry, then came to the Argonne Woods and went right up the day before the big drive started September 25.

At present we are on the Meuse river, a few miles from the noted city of Verdun. I passed through there the other day and certainly saw some wonderful sights.

Yes, old Jack Esser is in Co. D of this regiment, and I've seen every company except that one. You can imagine how anxious I am to see him, and I think as you do, that he is square as a die.

I saw some real fighting November 1. Four of us, one Frenchman and eight Germans had a hand-to-hand fight. I thought my gun was excess baggage until then. One of our men was slightly wounded. I told you about poor old Bob Morrow. I have not heard how he is getting along.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and I think everybody in the world has plenty to be thankful for. We expect to be among the first to be sent back, as 95 per cent of the outfit are miners, and that gives us a good chance. I surely would like to spend Christmas in the Good Old U. S. A.

We were to go to Germany as occupation troops, but I am sorry to say

## EXPERT KILLING PRAIRIE DOGS IN COCHISE COUNTY

**WILLCOX, Jan. 25.**—A battle royal has been going on in this valley for a few weeks. Frank G. Lewis, the government dog killer, is the man in charge and with a few assistants he has been slaughtering prairie dogs. They have completed killing off the dogs on 20 sections belonging to the Pitchfork Cattle company, also gone over 15 sections belonging to H. L. Johnson, and ten sections belonging to A. W. Wilson. They have also completed the work on the Monk Brothers ranch, and now they are getting down to the smaller ranches. Three crews have been operating. It is estimated that they have killed over 60,000 prairie dogs already. The damage that these pests do is incalculable.

Due to the cold weather the work has been very successful. It seems that during the cold spells the dogs will eat all the poisoned grain distributed and that a clean sweep is made the first time the ground is gone over. Usually a piece of ground has to be gone over the second time, but as the weather has favored the operation, this will not now be necessary.

C. R. Adamson will from now on work in connection with the State Rodent association and conduct the extermination of the dogs and jackrabbits on the smaller farms in this locality. Now is the time to get rid of these pests which have destroyed yearly vast amounts of crop and grazing and rid the valley of these perpetual enemies to farming.

### BACK FROM THE NAVY

James Giacomina returned home today from Gulfport, Miss., where he has been the past four months in the service of Uncle Sam, having been discharged from the navy. Jim says that he liked the service fine, but since the war is over he was glad to get back to Tombstone. Mr. Giacomina is one of the owners of the Crystal theater, and will again resume his duties at the theater.

The orders changed, but some of us may go yet. Tell Jim to get a new set of pills, as I am coming back strong. Best regards to my friends.

Yours truly,  
WGT. J. C. DUGAT,  
Co. C, 27th Engineers, U. S. A. France.

## HIGHWAY COMMISSION SHOWS WORK DONE DURING PAST MONTH

The following monthly statement regarding the work of the Cochise County Highway Commission was today issued by A. H. Gardner, secretary and member of the commission:

"Work is now in progress on every section of the roads to be covered by the bond issue in the county. The work of cross sectioning and preparing the Gleason-Pearce-Willcox section for the letting of contracts for construction is now under way, the field survey organization being under the supervision of L. E. Barker, former county engineer. The field work for the section Silver Creek to Bernardino station is now being worked out preparatory to letting contracts which commence as soon as the weather permits on the Douglas to Forest station section. The installation of culverts, construction of bridges and other drainage work is now in course of building. During the week all the pipe for conducting water economically along this road was received and is now being placed. Water was obtained along the route without having to drill wells. The work on the Benson to Tombstone section is under way from one end to the other, five contractors being on the job. The concrete, steel and culverts all being purchased and delivered.

The financial statement covering the expenditures for all classes of work, up to and including January 13, 1919, is as follows:

Douglas east road	\$ 5,242.99
Bisbee-Douglas highway	66,585.37
Bisbee-Lowell (paving)	6,430.76
Tombstone-Pima county line	29,910.58
Gleason-Willcox road	1,205.38
Total	\$119,375.08

### RAILROAD EMPLOYE IS SHOT; WIFE IS UNDER ARREST

**TUCSON, Jan. 25.**—Brainerd Douglas, an employee of the Southern Pacific shops, is in a hospital, shot through the lower part of the body, and is in a critical condition.

His wife, Henrietta Douglas, has been arrested, though this action was against the wishes of the sufferer. He was shot after a few words had passed concerning household matters, on his return from work.

## BOARD CONTROL ASKED FOR IN NEW BILL

**NEW BOARD WILL CONSIST OF  
GOVERNOR, AUDITOR AND  
TREASURER; WILL ABOLISH  
COMMISSION OF STATE INSTI-  
TUTIONS; PROTEST AGAINST  
DISCONTINUING FORT WHIPPLE**

**PHOENIX, Jan. 25.**—The first step was taken today toward abolishing the important commission of state institutions established two years ago. A bill was introduced in the senate by Campbell of Coconino county for the re-election of the board of control, the board to consist of the governor, the auditor and the treasurer. It differs from the old board only in that the treasurer takes the place of the member who was appointed by the governor.

Prescott May Lose Ft. Whipple

On receipt of a telegram from Prescott hat General March, chief of staff of the army, had ordered a discontinuance of construction of the buildings of the general base hospital at Fort Whipple, a memorial was hurried through both houses, directed to the state's delegation in congress, Vice President Marshall, Secretary of War Baker and Surgeon General Blue asking that the order be rescinded.

### Game Bill Reserve Up

Among the bills passed by the house today were one establishing the Catalina mountain game reserve; one prohibiting the use of fuse in blasting in mines below a depth of 15 feet from the surface, requiring that charges to be fired by electricity and one requiring a distribution of state school funds among the counties on the basis of average attendance instead of the school census. The last named measure is a constitutional amendment.

### Soldiers Preference Bill Up

Among the new bills introduced were the following: Providing for the re-registration of cattle brands; removing the two-term limit on the occupation of the office of county treasurer; providing preference for soldiers and sailors in the public service of the county and state, and providing a penalty for violation of the law; imposing a daily license tax of \$10 on employment agents, no license period to be less than 30 days and a bill creating an orphan commission.

### BIG BOOTLEGGER GIVES BAIL IN SUM OF \$10,000

**DOUGLAS, Jan. 25.**—Bart Hockett has furnished bail of \$10,000 for his missioner Beumler to answer a federal missioner Beumler to answer a federal charge that he conspired to introduce liquor into this state and did so. He is alleged to be the owner or one of the owners of the liquor seized by Sheriff McDonald and the department of justice at the ranch of George Medigovich west of Pirtleville last week. This was one of the most important seizures made in a long time, the liquor including 4200 pint bottles of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, in addition to several cases of whisky and several barrels of wine, part of which was in process of being made. Medigovich was arrested at the time and Hockett a day or two later.

The difference in the efficiency of the government and the state in handling lawbreaking is illustrated by the fact that Hockett, under a county charge of having liquor in his possession was released in the local court on a bond of \$500, while to obtain his freedom under the federal charge he must put up \$10,000.